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#### BOOK NOTICES.

##### **The Persian Gulf and South Sea Islands. By Edgar Collins Boehm.**

xiii and 189 pp., 15 illustrations, and Index. Horace Cox, London, 1904.

The interest of this narrative of travel is enhanced by the fact that the author, in his visit to the Persian Gulf, had the chance of seeing many out-of-the-way places that tourists seldom happen upon. His descriptions, therefore, of pearl-fishing at the Bahrein Islands, of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, of Muscat and Bagdad, and of other scenes will be entirely new to many readers. He says that visitors to the Persian Gulf should be equipped with useful letters of introduction, as there are no hotels, and when the steamers depart one is entirely dependent upon the hospitality

and advice of the residents. Those who travel inland, off the beaten tracks and without consular assistance, take their lives in their hands, and are at the mercy of thieves and brigands. The chapters on the Pacific Islands are entertaining reading, with nothing especially new about them excepting some rather gruesome pictures of the old days of cannibalism in Fiji.

**Further India, being the Story of Exploration from the Earliest Times in Burma, Malaya, Siam, and Indo-China. By Hugh Clifford.** 367 pp., 48 illustrations, including black maps; also a map in colours, bibliography, and index. Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York, 1904.

Mr. Clifford has written an able and an erudite book on the exploration of the Indo-China Peninsula. These countries failed for centuries to appeal strongly to the imagination of the European peoples, the author thinks, because they lie midway on the sea route from India to China and have been overshadowed by the immensity and the surpassing fascination of their mighty neighbours. The real exploration of this region beyond the limits of the coast lands was not accomplished until during the latter half of the nineteenth century; and the world at large still knows little of this great work of exploration carried out by Francis Garnier and other remarkable men.

The author traces the knowledge gained by Europeans of these lands from the earliest days until the time in the last century when the spread of European influence made the scientific exploration of the *Hinterland* a possibility. Then the story of Garnier's work and that of his successors is told with graphic and sympathetic power; and the final chapter shows us the great peninsula as it now stands revealed through the completed work of these explorers. The book supplies a lack in the history of exploration, for nothing has hitherto been published in comparatively small compass that gives so complete an idea of the means by which we finally arrived at our present knowledge of the geography of the Indo-China Peninsula.

**Durch die Urwälder Südamerikas. Von Capt. Albert Perl.** 235 pp., 60 illustrations, and a map. Dietrich Reimer (Ernst Vohsen), Berlin, 1904. (Price, 8 m.)

The writer lived about eight years in the rubber forests of the Amazon basin, travelled up the Amazon to its sources, and also along the Madeira, Purus, Beni, Madre de Dios, Acre, and other rivers from their mouths to their fountainheads, besides taking long trips among the Andes and along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. Business, and not geography, impelled him; but his book was well worth writing, and may be recommended to all readers of German who would like to know more of the little-known phases of life in the great forest regions of South America. The book abounds with stories of interesting personal experience, with sketches of nature and of phases of natural history, with glimpses of the perils of navigation and of the dangers of the climate; and one gets an idea of the Indians and of the very rough white citizens who have been drawn together into these dark forests by the attraction of rubber. It is doubtful if this book has a counterpart as a faithful description of pioneering in the rubber regions of the Amazon.

**Dodge's Advanced Geography.—Part I. Principles of Geography. Part II. Comparative Geography of the Continents. By Richard Elwood Dodge.** 4to. Chicago, Rand, McNally & Co. (1904).

In Part I of this book the author has treated the subject in a clear and simple form. The style is animated, and the pages are made attractive by excellent illustrations, though the plates devoted to heat-belts and temperature, and those showing